

STATES OF JERSEY



NEGOTIATION OF PURCHASE FOR THE SITE OF THE SEASIDE CAFÉ GRÈVE DE LECQ

Lodged au Greffe on 27th June 2023
by Deputy L.J. Farnham of St. Mary, St. Ouen and St. Peter
Earliest date for debate: 18th July 2023

STATES GREFFE

PROPOSITION

THE STATES are asked to decide whether they are of opinion –

to request the Minister for Treasury and Resources, in consultation with the Minister for Infrastructure –

- (a) to negotiate, on behalf of the States of Jersey, the purchase of the former Seaside Café and carpark site at Grève de Lecq for a use that will be of benefit to the public; and
- (b) to seek the Assembly's approval of the negotiated price, through the lodging of a proposition for debate, prior to the completion of the purchase.

DEPUTY L.J. FARNHAM OF ST. MARY, ST. OUVEN AND ST. PETER

REPORT

Greve de Lecq is one of Jersey's most popular and iconic bays, with a long and remarkable history, which remains an important and valued part of modern island life.

From *The Bailiwick of Jersey* by George Balleine

Greve de Lecq, A small bay on the north coast partly in St Ouen's and partly in St Mary's parish, the mill stream of the Moulin de Lecq dividing the parishes. Greve is the French word for a sandy shore.

From [Visit Jersey](#)

This sheltered north facing beach is fringed with wooded slopes and leafy country pubs. A firm favourite with families, with rocks to climb, pools to search for critters in, a sea that's never too far out even at a low tide and lifeguards during the summer months, all make this beach a winner.

It's easy to find a parking spot and there are laidback beachside cafés with every facility along the sunny boardwalk. Launch out on a kayak to discover secret beaches just around the shoreline.

Proposed redevelopment of the Café Romany site and car park.

The former Café Romany site in Greve de Lecq was sold by the Lewis family in 2020. In January 2022 the new owners obtained planning permission to redevelop the site which would see the existing site demolished and replaced with a four-bedroom home and 100-seat eatery.

The site is currently lying empty and derelict and is completely shut off to the public restricting access to parking causing recurring problems for users of the bay.

The site is currently listed for sale by Wilsons Knight Frank full details of which can be found here: [Property For Sale - St Mary - Wilsons Knight Frank \(ID 2884\)](#). The States still have an opportunity to acquire this important piece of land for the benefit of the public.

An acquisition would;

- (a) preserve the historic and cultural significance of the bay;
- (b) ensure public access for recreational and educational purposes;
- (c) bring significant economic benefits to the local area and boost tourism; and,
- (d) protect the bay from development and other activities not suitable to the area.

This proposition seeks to facilitate a negotiation that will lead to the purchase, by the States of Jersey, of the Café and carpark site for a use that will be of benefit to the public. Subject to a successful negotiation the States Assembly will be asked to approve the proposed price prior to the completion of a purchase.

Financial and manpower implications

As this proposition is about opening negotiations, there are no financial and manpower implications at this stage. Subject to a successful negotiation, the proposed price will be brought to the Assembly for approval.



